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[Despatch Abstract.]

Police Principles for allotment of staff for Sub Jail and Treasury guards - Proposal - Deferred.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

NOTE FOR THE CABINET.

Police - Principles for allotment of constables - Revision - Sub-jail and Treasury Guards.

Summary of cost

Major Head of account.	Minor & Sub head of account.	Ultimate cost. Recurring.	Ultimate cost. Non-Recurring.	Cost in 1949-50 Recurring.	Cost in 1949-50 Non-Recurring.
		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
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The general principles of reallocation of police staff approved in 1925 provided for guards over sub jails having regard to the numbers of sentries to be posted and the average daily population of the prisoners in the sub jails concerned. Where the daily average number of prisoners was 5 or less and where a single sentry would suffice the strength of one Head Constable and 4 Constables was allowed. Where the average numbe of prisoners exceeded 5, the strength allowed was one head constable and six constables. For each additional sentry posts 3 constables were provided.

For treasury and sub treasury guards the general principles approved in 1925 provided a strength of one Head Constable and 4 Constabels.

In connection with the revision of the principles for the allotment of constables for various duties, the Inspector-General of Police in 1946 made the following proposals for allotment of constables for Sub Jail, Treasury and Sub Treasuty guards.

(a) Head constables:-

Sub-Jail, Treasury and Sub-Treasury guards:-

Each of these should have its own head constable in c charge. Where there is a combined Sub jail and Treasury guard w with a common guard room, there should be only one guard head constable. In sub-jail guards where there are more than 12 constables, there should be an additional head constable.

(b) Constables:-

(i) Sub-Jail guards:-

(a) 4 Police constables when the daily average of prisoners is 5 or less.
(b) 6 police constables when the daily average of prisoners is 6 to 14.
(c) 8 police constables when the daily average of prisoners is 15 to 24.

Above that 2 police constables should be added for eve increase of 10 in the daily average of prisoners.

1) Lay out and convenience of buildings will effect extra sentry posts.
(2) The average number of prisoners should be

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worked out over the previous 3 years.

(ii) Treasury guards:-

4 constables for each sentry post, the number of posts depending upon the lay out and execution of the building

The Home Department pressed for the proposal in regard to sub-jail guards with the modification that constables for sub jail guard may be allotted as follows:-

4 constables when the average number of prisoners is 5 or less;

6 Constables when the average is 6 to 20;

2 extra Constables for every 10 prisoners above 20

As regards Treasury guards the Home Department pressed for acceptance of the Inspector- General's proposal in toto. The Finance Department did not agree to the Inspector General's proposals.

Hon'ble Minister (Finance) minuted that the question of sub-jail and Treasury guards might be considered some time in may 1948. The ex-Hon'ble the Minister (Home) agreed. Accordingly orders where issued in January 1948 that the question should be taken up in May 1948.

In May 1948, the Inspector General of Police requested early orders on his proposals regarding scale of staff for sub jail guard and Treasury guard. The Home Department considered that the Inspector General's proposal for the revision of the scale of sub jail and treasury guards might lie over pending a final decision by the Government on the question of replacing the police staff employed on these duties by warders of the Jail Department.

As ordered by the previous Hon'ble Premier, the Inspector General was consulted as to the financial implication of the proposal.

The Inspector General reported that a total staff of 16 Head Constables and 466 Constabels would be required, if the scale of staff for Sub-jail and Treasury guards proposed was to be approved. The cost involved was Rs. 3,59,000 per annum recurring. Meanwhile it was decided in circulation that the proposal to replace the existing guards in Sub Jails and in Sub Treasuries by regular Jail warder establishement be deferred.

As regards the proposal to lay down a revised scale for the allotment of Police staff for sub jail and Treasury guards Hon'ble the Minister (Education & Law) minuted as follows:

"The financial commitment is big indeed - 3½ lakhs a year. But human misery in the Sub jails at present is more alarming. I have visited about a hundred Sub jails. Most of the Sub Jails have no separate enclosures and so the prisoners have to be locked up all the 24 hours of the day. The guard is not sufficient to take them to the latrine for answering the calls of nature so that every cell is a veritable latrine and even officers of Government found it difficult to enter the cells with me. And every Sub jail is overcrowded. So either money has to be spent in providing separate enclosures for Sub jails or on increasing the guard staff.

Hon'ble Minister (Finance) minuted as follows:-

* Status quo for the present.

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On recirculation Hon'ble Minister (Education and Law) minuted as follows:-

"After having seen things I cannot agree with Hon'ble Minister (Finance). Yesterday in Guntur Sub jail there were 86 prisoners whereas accommodation is only for 40. Financial difficulty cannot over-ride human consideration. Then we must decide not to arrest persons.

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The matter was place before the Cabinet and the Cabinet decided in July '49 that the proposal might be considered as a Part II Scheme for 1950-51.

The Inspector General has now resubmitted his proposal for the revision of the principles for the allotment of staff for sub jail and treasury guards for consideration as a Part II Scheme for 1950-51 and requests very early orders of the Government.

(i) approving the scale of staff as already proposed ; and

(ii) Sanctioning the additional staff of 16 Head Constables and 510 constables required as per that scale according to the present needs.

The Inspector General has stated that the necessity for increasing the Sub jail and treasury guards is keenly felt owing to the general state of lawlessness prevalent in the Province consequent on the ban on Communist and agrarian troubles that there have recently been instances of attack on police escorts and guards and several escapes from lawful custody and that it is therefore very necessary to strengthen the Sub Jail and Treasury guards throughout the Province. The Inspector General says that in calculating the additional staff required the replacement of the existing police guards by the warder establishement in the Tiruchirapalli sub jail ordered in September 1949 has also been taken into account. The additional staff now proposed by the Inspector General is 16 Head Constables and 510 Constables.

The additional Deputy Deputy Secretary, Finance Department has noted as follows:-

As the existing system of allotment of head constables and constables for Sub jail and treasury guards has been in force since 1925, it would seem that in view of the ban imposed on new schemes the revision proposals may as well not be brought forward as a Part II Scheme for 1950-51, but deferred till the finances of the Province show some improvement. As it was decided by the Cabinet on 16-7-1949, that the proposals might be considered as a Part II Scheme for 1950-51 Home may kindly obtain orders of the Cabinet again for the postponement of the Scheme, in view of the present adverse financial conditions.

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Hon'ble Minister (Education & Law), Hon'ble Minister (Finance) amd Hon'ble Premier have agreed that the proposal may be placed before the Cabinet.

The cost of the proposal is given in the summary at the beginning of the note.

The point for decision is whether the Inspector General's proposal for the employment of an additional staff of 16 Head Constables and 510 Constables for strengthening the sub jail, Treasury and Sub Treasury guards may be deferred. for the present.

Sd.....
Hon'ble the Premier.

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Government of Madras.

Meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Fort St. George on Wednesday the 7th December 1949, at 11 a.m.

The Hon'ble the Premier presided.

Present:-- The Hon.Dr. T.S.S, Rajan
The Hon. Sri M.Bhaktavatsalam
The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi
The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon
The Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi
The Hon. SriA.B. Shetty.
The Hon. Sri K. Chandramouli
The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran
The Hon. Sri N. Sanjiva Reddi
The Hon. Sri J.L.P.Roch Victoria.

AGENDA :-

14. Police - Principles for allotment of Constables - Revision - Sub-jail and Treasury Guards

ORDER:-

The Inspector General's proposals will be deferred for the present.

P.S.Kumaraswami Rajah

PREMIER.

Government of Madras.
Abstract.

Police - Principles for allotment of staff for Sub-jail and Treasury Guards - Proposal - Deferred.

Home Department

G.O.Ms.No. 5071 Dated 19-12-49.
Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.255 Home, dated 20-1-48.
From the Inspector General of Police, Rc.No.842 RA/49, dated 27-9-49 and 18-10-49.

ORDER:

The Government have decided that the Inspector-General's proposal for the revision of the principles for allotment of staff for sub-jail and Treasury guards should be deferred for the present.

Sd.....
Secretary to Government
13-11-49.

To
The Inspector General of Police,
Madras 4.

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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